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Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2016 session (24 July 2015-27 July 2016)

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report details budgetary requirements arising from the resolutions and the ministerial declaration adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2016 session. The additional requirements arising from those resolutions and that declaration are estimated at $2,872,200 under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and $5,194,500 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

The additional requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 would require an additional appropriation, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund, subject to the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211. The requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

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I. Introduction

1. The implications for the programme of work of the Economic and Social Council arising from the adoption of General Assembly resolution 68/1, on the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council, included the following, as set out in the annex to the resolution:

(a) The Council should adjust its programme of work to a July-to-July cycle (para. 5);

(b) The Council should continue to have one substantive and one organizational session. In order to ensure a more responsive Council, it might convene special sessions in accordance with its rules of procedure. The Council, as a principal organ of the United Nations, was also entitled to hold ad hoc meetings as and when needed to address urgent developments in the economic, social, environmental and related fields (para. 10);

(c) The Council should hold the regular meetings of its substantive sessions in New York, and the humanitarian affairs segment should continue to alternate between New York and Geneva. On an ad hoc and cost-effective basis, another United Nations location could be decided upon if that would contribute to a better discussion on the chosen main theme (para. 16).

2. The present report is submitted to inform the General Assembly of the additional requirements arising from the resolutions and the ministerial declaration adopted by the Council during its 2016 session (24 July 2015-27 July 2016).

3. The Council adopted a number of resolutions and a ministerial declaration in which it authorized relevant Secretariat entities to undertake additional activities, including those for which no provisions had been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and which would have an impact on the estimates of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.[1] In accordance with rule 31 of its rules of procedure, the Council was provided, where appropriate, with the statements of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of those resolutions and decisions.

4. In its report on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive session of 1999 (A/54/7/Add.2), the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions requested that future reports on the subject contain full cost estimates, including both conference and non-conference costs, of additional requirements. In response to that request, the additional requirements arising from the resolutions and the ministerial declaration adopted by the Council during its 2016 session related to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and those estimated to be required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are described below and summarized in the annex to the present report.

[1] The programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 is contained in document A/70/6 (Introduction) and separate budget section documents (Sects. 1-36 and Income sects. 1-3) and related corrigenda. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 will be contained in document A/72/6 (Introduction) and separate budget section documents (Sects. 1-36 and Income sects. 1-3).

5. Should the Council adopt any resolutions and/or decisions in 2016 after the issuance of the present report that give rise to programme budget implications for the biennium 2016-2017, the relevant revised estimates will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

II. Additional requirements and modifications to the programme of work entailed by resolutions and declarations adopted by the Economic and Social Council

A. Resolution 2016/10: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

6. In its resolution 2016/10, the Council endorsed the strategy and plan of action proposed by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to support member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as set out in Commission resolution 322 (XXVIII), the text of which was annexed to resolution 2016/10.

7. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Commission resolution 322 (XXVIII), the Executive Committee of the Commission:

(a) Adopted the strategy and plan of action proposed by the secretariat of the Commission to support member States in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

(b) Requested the secretariat of the Commission to implement the strategy and plan of action and to submit periodic reports on the activities carried out to that end, in particular support for member States to incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals into their national development plans, support for statistical systems, regional follow-up processes, such as the Arab Forum on Sustainable Development, monitoring progress made in the Arab region towards achievement of the Goals and the preparation of regional follow-up reports using official data;

(c) Also requested the secretariat of the Commission to take all necessary measures, including the provision of human and financial resources and the creation of a technical unit attached to it, for that purpose.

8. The implementation of the requests contained in resolution 2016/10 would require additional recurrent activities and resource requirements under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, as detailed below.

Subprogramme 1, Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development (non-post $466,200)

9. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 1, Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $155,000 would provide for the cost of the specialized expertise needed to complement existing in-house capacity to undertake

studies in the areas of shared water, food security, energy and climate change with a focus on the 2030 Agenda;

(b) Experts: an amount of $226,700 would provide for the servicing of expert group meetings on shared water, food security, energy and climate change, regional consultations on the impact of climate change on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Arab region and regional consultations on the alignment of national plans in the areas of water, energy, food and the environment with the 2030 Agenda;

(c) Travel of staff: an amount of $34,500 would provide for the participation of staff in the expert group meetings and regional consultations listed above;

(d) Contractual services: an amount of $50,000 relates to provisions for administrative support for the organization and logistics of the expert group meetings and regional consultations listed above.

10. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 1 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 1.

Table 1
Resource requirements under subprogramme 1, Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	155 000	155 000	–
Experts	226 700	226 700	–
Travel of staff	34 500	34 500	–
Contractual services	50 000	50 000	–
Total	**466 200**	**466 200**	**–**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 2, Social development (post $283,000 and non-post $689,200)

11. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 2, Social development, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Temporary posts: an amount of $283,600 would provide for four temporary posts for a new technical unit: one Economic Affairs Officer (P-4), one Economic Affairs Officer (P-3), one Social Affairs Officer (P-3) and one Administrative Assistant (Local level) in the Social Development Division, effective from 1 January 2017 until 2030, in line with the duration of the mandate. The unit would work as a multidisciplinary team to provide substantive support and coordinate the implementation of a set of activities and functions emanating from the new mandates following the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development. The functions of the proposed temporary posts are as follows:

(i) The Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) would be responsible for coordination tasks related to the organization of the annual Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development and the preparation of major regional reports to be produced by the Commission on an annual, biennial or quadrennial basis. The incumbent would also provide support in developing national and regional follow-up and review frameworks and in coordinating the response to member State requests;

(ii) The Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) would be responsible for undertaking research and for compiling and analysing statistical data needed for the preparation of major reports, including thematic review reports. The incumbent would also provide support to the team in the preparation of inputs to the Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development and for the identification of experts and the preparation of terms of reference;

(iii) The Social Affairs Officer (P-3) would be responsible for providing substantive and coordination support to the capacity-building component of the strategy for economic and social development in Western Asia under the 2030 Agenda, including the assessment of needs, the production and adaptation of learning tools, the delivery of specific national or regional training workshops and the dissemination of advocacy materials;

(iv) The Administrative Assistant (Local level) would be responsible for providing support, including conducting research where needed, but also administrative assistance, in planning and organizing the regional forum and other meetings, the preparation of budgets, reporting, the management and dissemination of knowledge, the conduct of mapping exercises and desk reviews, communication with member States, outreach to partner organizations and related tasks;

(b) Consultants: an amount of $298,400 would provide for the cost of the specialized expertise necessary to produce studies for which the existing and human and financial resources are insufficient. These include studies on critical themes such as disability, cross-border issues and their regional implications for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals, methodologies for the adaptation and alignment of Sustainable Development Goals with national development plans, the regional report on the Sustainable Development Goals, and the organization of the Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development and the regional coordination meeting of the thematic working group on the 2030 Agenda;

(c) Experts: an amount of $292,500 would provide for the servicing of expert group meetings on population dynamics and disability, the cross-border and regional implications of the Sustainable Development Goals, the adaptation and alignment of Sustainable Development Goals with respect to national plans, the regional report on the Sustainable Development Goals and the organization of the Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development and the regional coordination meeting of the thematic working group on the 2030 Agenda;

(d) Travel of staff: an amount of $57,100 would provide for the participation of staff in the expert group meetings listed above;

(e) Contractual services: an amount of $41,200 would provide for administrative support for the organization and logistics of the expert group meetings listed above.

12. Additional activities would be undertaken during the biennium 2018-2019. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 2 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 2.

Table 2
Resource requirements under subprogramme 2, Social development
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Temporary posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 Local level)	283 000	1 031 900	748 900
Consultants	298 400	332 900	34 500
Experts	292 500	352 100	59 600
Travel of staff	57 100	72 900	15 800
Contractual services	41 200	49 400	8 200
Total	**972 200**	**1 839 200**	**867 000**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.

Subprogramme 3, Economic development and integration (non-post $20,000)

13. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 3, Economic development and integration, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $20,000 would provide for the cost of the specialized expertise needed to undertake a study on the impact of illicit financial outflows on Arab economies.

14. Additional activities would be undertaken during the biennium 2018-2019. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 3 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 3.

Table 3
Resource requirements under subprogramme 3, Economic development and integration
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	20 000	80 000	60 000
Experts	–	63 100	63 100
Travel of staff	–	17 600	17 600
Contractual services	–	26 000	26 000
Total	**20 000**	**186 700**	**166 700**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 4, Technology for development and regional integration (non-post $252,800)

15. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 4, Technology for development and regional integration, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $114,000 would provide for the cost of the additional specialized know-how needed to support in-house expertise for the preparation of studies in the areas of the information and communications technology (ICT) digital economy, science, technology and innovation and a practical guide on the role of innovation with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals;

(b) Experts: an amount of $107,800 would provide for the servicing of expert group meetings on the ICT digital economy, science, technology and innovation, a practical guide on the role of innovation with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals, and technology transfer;

(c) Travel of staff: an amount of $20,000 would provide for the participation of staff in the expert group meetings listed above;

(d) Contractual services: an amount of $11,000 relates to provisions for administrative support for the organization and logistics of the expert group meetings listed above.

16. Additional activities would be undertaken during the biennium 2018-2019. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 4 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 4.

Table 4
Resource requirements under subprogramme 4, Technology for development and regional integration
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	114 000	150 000	36 000
Experts	107 800	157 800	50 000
Travel of staff	20 000	32 000	12 000
Contractual services	11 000	25 000	14 000
Total	**252 800**	**364 800**	**112 000**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 5, Statistics for evidence-based policymaking (non-post $62,800)

17. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 5, Statistics for evidence-based policymaking, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $46,400 would provide for the cost of specialized expertise for the development and testing of a methodology for identifying clear and accurate baselines for national targets and indicators related to the 2030 Agenda;

(b) Travel of staff: an amount of $16,400 would provide for the participation of staff in national consultations in the countries in which the new methodology will be tested.

18. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 5 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 5.

Table 5
Resource requirements under subprogramme 5, Statistics for evidence-based policymaking
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	46 400	46 400	–
Travel of staff	16 400	16 400	–
Total	**62 800**	**62 800**	–

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 6, Advancement of women (non-post $59,800)

19. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 6, Advancement of women, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $20,000 would provide for the cost of specialized expertise for the conduct of a study on women's development in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(b) Experts: an amount of $29,800 would provide for the servicing of an expert group meeting on women's development in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(c) Travel of staff: an amount of $4,000 would provide for the participation of staff in the expert group meeting on women's development in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(d) Contractual services: an amount of $6,000 relates to provisions for administrative support for the organization and logistics of the expert group meeting on women's development in connection with the 2030 Agenda.

20. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 6 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 6.

Table 6
Resource requirements under subprogramme 6, Advancement of women
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	20 000	20 000	–
Experts	29 800	29 800	–
Travel of staff	4 000	4 000	–
Contractual services	6 000	6 000	–
Total	**59 800**	**59 800**	–

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 7, Conflict mitigation and development (non-post $59,800)

21. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 7, Conflict mitigation and development, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $20,000 would provide for specialized expertise for the conduct of a study on conflict, crisis and occupation in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(b) Experts: an amount of $29,800 would provide for the servicing of an expert group meeting on conflict, crisis and occupation in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(c) Travel of staff: an amount of $4,000 would provide for the participation of staff in the expert group meeting on conflict, crisis and occupation in connection with the 2030 Agenda;

(d) Contractual services: an amount of $6,000 relates to provisions for administrative support for the organization and logistics of the expert group meeting on conflict, crisis and occupation in connection with the 2030 Agenda.

22. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 7 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 7.

Table 7
Resource requirements under subprogramme 7, Conflict mitigation and development
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	20 000	20 000	–
Experts	29 800	29 800	–
Travel of staff	4 000	4 000	–
Contractual services	6 000	6 000	–
Total	**59 800**	**59 800**	–

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

23. Total additional resource requirements in the amount of $1,893,600 would arise under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, and $3,039,300 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, as reflected in table 8.

Table 8
Resource requirements under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Temporary posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 Local level)	283 000	1 031 900	748 900
Consultants	673 800	804 300	130 500
Experts	686 600	859 300	172 700
Travel of staff	136 000	181 400	45 400
Contractual services	114 200	162 400	48 200
Total	**1 893 600**	**3 039 300**	**1 145 700**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.

24. Pursuant to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/247 for the submission of a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the resource requirements set out above will also be reflected in the report of the Secretary-General to be issued on the subject; however, the appropriation of the additional requirements in support of activities mandated by the Council is sought only in the present report.

Required modifications to outputs under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

25. The implementation of the requests contained in resolution 2016/10 would require the following modifications to outputs under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 22)):

Subprogramme 1, Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development

26. At the end of paragraph 22.77 (a) (iv), add "regional consultations on the impact of climate change on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Arab region (1); study and regional consultation on the alignment of national plans in the areas of water, energy, food and the environment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (1); energy horizon (1); food security horizon (1); shared water horizon (1); climate change and economic development (1);".

27. At the end of paragraph 22.77 (b) (v), add "energy horizon (1); food security horizon (1); shared water horizon (1); climate change and economic development (1);".

Subprogramme 2, Social development

28. At the end of paragraph 22.85 (a) (iii), add "population dynamics 2030 (1); disability 2030 (1); series of technical papers on Sustainable Development Goals with cross-border or regional implications (4); expert group meeting on regional follow-up and review (1); organization of the Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development (1);".

29. At the end of paragraph 22.85 (b) (iv), add "study on population dynamics 2030 (1); study on disability 2030 (1); series of technical papers on Sustainable Development Goals with cross-border or regional implications (4); reports on meetings of the Regional Coordination Mechanism thematic working group on the 2030 Agenda (2); reports on meetings of the Regional Coordination Mechanism task force on statistics (2); regional report on Sustainable Development Goals (based on national reports) for 2017 (1); report on the expert group meeting on regional follow-up and review (1); report on the organization of the Arab High-level Forum on Sustainable Development (1);".

30. At the end of paragraph 22.85 (c) (i), add "regional awareness-raising seminars on the adaptation and alignment of Sustainable Development Goals into national plans (2);".

Subprogramme 3, Economic development and integration

31. At the end of paragraph 22.92 (a) (iv), add "expert group meeting on the progress made by Arab countries in the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (Muscat, 2017) (1);".

32. At the end of paragraph 22.92 (b) (iii) a., add "study on the impact of illicit financial outflows on Arab economies, 2017 (1);".

Subprogramme 4, Technology for development and regional integration

33. At the end of paragraph 22.100 (a) (iii), add "expert group meeting on technology and innovation 2030 (1); regional conference on technologies for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (1);".

34. At the end of paragraph 22.100 (b) (iii), add "study on technology and innovation 2030 (1); study on the ICT digital economy, science, technology and innovation and the Sustainable Development Goals (1); practical guidelines, media programmes (video) and infographics to raise awareness about the role of innovation in the realization of Sustainable Development Goals (1);" and add a new output in a subparagraph (iv), as follows:

> (iv) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: meetings of the United Nations inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (1).

Subprogramme 5, Statistics for evidence-based policymaking

35. At the end of paragraph 22.107 (b) (iii), add "development and testing of a methodology for identifying clear and accurate baselines for national targets and relevant indicators (1);".

Subprogramme 6, Advancement of women

36. At the end of paragraph 22.114 (a) (iii), add "expert group meeting on women's development 2030 (1);".

37. At the end of paragraph 22.114 (b) (iv), add "study on women's development 2030 (1);".

Subprogramme 7, Conflict mitigation and development

38. At the end of paragraph 22.121 (a) (ii), add "conflict and occupation 2030 (1);".

39. At the end of paragraph 22.121 (b) (iv) a., add "conflict and occupation 2030 (1);".

B. Resolution 2016/11: Committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

40. In its resolution 2016/11, the Council endorsed the actions requested by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in paragraph 7 of its resolution 72/6, entitled "Committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific", the text of which was annexed thereto, in which the Commission requested the Executive Secretary, inter alia:

(a) To promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and provide annual updates and recommendations to

member States, including through the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development;

(b) To support the process to define a regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda and to address challenges to its achievement in Asia and the Pacific, pursuant to the recommendations of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, as contained in its report;

(c) To strengthen support to member States in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda in an integrated approach, inter alia, with analytical products, technical services and capacity-building initiatives through knowledge-sharing products and platforms, and to enhance data and statistical capacities.

41. The implementation of those requests would require additional annual activities and resources starting in 2017, under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, as detailed below.

Subprogramme 4, Environment and development (post $81,800 and non-post $235,000)

42. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 4, Environment and development, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Temporary posts: an amount of $81,800 would provide for one temporary post of Programme Officer (P-4) in the Environment and Development Division, effective from 1 January 2017 until 2030, in line with the duration of the mandate. The incumbent would prepare and coordinate studies on specific economic, environmental and social issues to be considered at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development on the basis of the outcomes of the subregional preparatory meetings; and institutionalize the subregional preparatory meetings and Forum process, and ensure that the views expressed by Member States are clearly reflected and considered at the Forum;

(b) Consultants: an amount of $10,000 would provide for consultancy services for the preparation of studies for which expertise is not available within the Secretariat, on highlighting the means of aligning the economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development in policymaking;

(c) Ad hoc expert groups: an amount of $208,800 would provide for: (i) the conduct of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, including the participation of key experts from each subregion on specific issues related to the agenda ($75,000); and (ii) the annual subregional preparatory meetings for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (one for the Pacific subregion, one for the East and North-East Asia subregion, one for the North and Central Asia subregion, one for the South and South-West Asia subregion and one for the South-East Asia subregion), to ensure that the views of all countries are clearly reflected in the Forum ($133,800);

(d) Travel of staff: an amount of $16,200 would provide for the travel of one staff member to participate in the meetings to be held at the Commission's subregional offices in Suva, Incheon, Almaty and New Delhi during the biennium 2016-2017.

43. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 4 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 9.

Table 9
Resource requirements under subprogramme 4, Environment and development
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Temporary post (1 P-4)	81 800	297 600	215 800
Consultants	10 000	20 000	10 000
Experts	208 800	417 600	208 800
Travel of staff	16 200	32 400	16 200
Total	**316 800**	**767 600**	**450 800**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new post.

Subprogramme 6, Social development (non-post $90,000)

44. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 6, Social development, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Consultants: an amount of $40,000 would provide for consultancy services for which expertise is not available within the Secretariat, for the conduct of analytical studies on the emerging social dimensions of sustainable development, particularly those pertaining to the priority groups of countries in the Asia-Pacific region, in preparation for a new annual recurrent publication entitled *Social Panorama*;

(b) Ad hoc expert groups: an amount of $30,000 would provide for the conduct of expert group meetings to review and finalize the recurrent publication *Social Panorama*;

(c) Travel of staff: an amount of $10,000 would provide for the travel of staff to collect primary data and engage in government consultations on emerging social issues for priority groups of countries such as landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;

(d) Contractual services: an amount of $10,000 would provide for the printing of the recurrent publication *Social Panorama*.

45. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 6 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 10.

Table 10
Resource requirements under subprogramme 6, Social development
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Consultants	40 000	80 000	40 000
Experts	30 000	60 000	30 000
Travel of staff	10 000	20 000	10 000
Contractual services	10 000	20 000	10 000
Total	**90 000**	**180 000**	**90 000**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

Subprogramme 7, Statistics (post $81,800)

46. The following additional resource requirements under subprogramme 7, Statistics, would be required during the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Temporary posts: an amount of $81,800 would provide for one temporary post of Statistician (P-4) in the Statistics Division, effective from 1 January 2017 until 2030, in line with the duration of the mandate. The incumbent would ensure the quality and consistency of Sustainable Development Goals-related data in order to support integrated analyses; consolidate Sustainable Development Goals-related data in the regional statistical database on socioeconomic and environmental indicators, the *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific and the Asia-Pacific Sustainable Development Journal*; and contribute to the reorientation of training programmes for the enhancement of the data and statistical capacities of Member States for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

47. A summary of resource requirements under subprogramme 7 for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 is provided in table 11.

Table 11
Resource requirements under subprogramme 7, Statistics
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Temporary post (1 P-4)	81 800	297 600	215 800
Total	**81 800**	**297 600**	**215 800**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new post.

48. Total additional resource requirements in the amount of $488,600 would arise under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the

programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and $1,245,200 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, as reflected in table 12.

Table 12
Resource requirements under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Temporary posts (2 P-4)	163 600	595 200	431 600
Consultants	50 000	100 000	50 000
Experts	238 800	477 600	238 800
Travel of staff	26 200	52 400	26 200
Contractual services	10 000	20 000	10 000
Total	**488 600**	**1 245 200**	**756 600**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.

49. Pursuant to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/247 for the submission of a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the resource requirements set out above will also be reflected in the report of the Secretary-General to be issued on the subject; however, the appropriation of the additional requirements in support of activities mandated by the Council is sought only in the present report.

Required modifications to outputs under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

50. The implementation of the requests contained in resolution 2016/11 would require the following modifications to outputs under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 19)):

Subprogramme 4, Environment and development

51. At the end of paragraph 19.74 (a) (iii) c., add "annual subregional preparatory meetings for the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development for the Pacific, East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia, South and South-West Asia and South-East Asia subregions (5 in 2017);".

Subprogramme 6, Social development

52. At the end of paragraph 19.88 (b) (i), add "*Social Panorama* (1 in 2017);".

Subprogramme 7, Statistics

53. At the end of paragraph 19.95 (b) (iii), add "web-based knowledge-sharing facilities, including e-learning instructional design and management systems (1 in 2017);".

54. In paragraph 19.95 (c) (i):

(a) Replace "improved knowledge base for decision makers in support of the achievement of internationally agreed development goals (1)" with "improved knowledge base for decision makers in support of the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related goals and targets (1)";

(b) Replace "strengthened capacity of national statistical systems to produce and disseminate economic, environmental, disaster, gender, disability, population and social statistics (4)" with "strengthened capacity of national statistical systems to produce and disseminate economic, environmental and social statistics in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related goals and targets (4)";

(c) Replace "improved knowledge and skills of government officials and statisticians, especially countries with special needs, to produce, process, analyse and manage quality data and statistics in support of measuring progress towards sustainable and inclusive development goals through training courses on statistical frameworks, standards and basic methodologies (1)" with "improved knowledge and skills of government officials and statisticians, especially countries with special needs, to produce, process, analyse and manage quality data and statistics in support of measuring progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related goals and targets (1)".

C. Resolution 2016/12: Establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

55. In its resolution 2016/12, the Council endorsed the establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, as set out in Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolution 700 (XXXVI) and the annex thereto, which are annexed to resolution 2016/12.

56. The implementation of the requests contained in resolution 2016/12 would require additional recurrent activities and resources under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, as set out below.

Policymaking organs (non-post $110,000)

57. The following additional resource requirements under policymaking organs would be required during the biennium 2016-2017, for the organization of annual meetings of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development:

(a) Other staff costs: an amount of $60,000 would provide for general temporary assistance in support of the organization of two annual meetings of the

Forum, including the preparation of substantive support documents and relevant reports and other pre-session and in-session activities;

(b) Travel of staff: an amount of $30,000 would provide for the travel of staff undertaking official missions in connection with the servicing of two annual meetings of the Forum, including other necessary official missions related to pre-session and post-session activities;

(c) Contractual services: an amount of $10,000 is required to cover contractual interpretation services during the two annual meetings of the Forum and related pre-session and side events as well as translation and editing services for pre-sessional and other documentation to be submitted to the session;

(d) General operating expenses: an amount of $6,000 would provide for the costs of the rental of premises, long-distance telephone communications, postage, courier and diplomatic pouch services, the temporary connection of meeting facilities to the Internet and miscellaneous services related to the two annual meetings of the Forum and other pre-session and side event activities;

(e) Supplies and materials: an amount of $4,000 would provide for expendable supplies necessary for the two annual meetings of the Forum and other pre-session activities and events, including information notes for participants, identity badges and luggage tags, meeting room notepads and pencils, reproduction paper and consumable supplies, printing paper, flag sets, meeting badges, stickers, audio/video disks, information kits and special invitation cards.

Executive direction and management (non-post $20,000)

58. The following additional resource requirements under executive direction and management would be required during the biennium 2016-2017, for the preparation of annual reports on regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda:

Consultants: an amount of $20,000 would provide for consultancy services for the preparation of two annual reports on the state of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in the region.

59. Total additional resource requirements in the amount of $130,000 would arise under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, as reflected in table 13.

Table 13
Resource requirements under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Total requirements 2018-2019*	*Net additional requirements 2018-2019[a]*
Policymaking organs			
Other staff costs	60 000	60 000	–
Travel of staff	30 000	30 000	–
Contractual services	10 000	10 000	–
General operating expenses	6 000	6 000	–
Supplies and materials	4 000	4 000	–
Subtotal	**110 000**	**110 000**	–
Executive direction and management			
Consultants	20 000	20 000	–
Subtotal	**20 000**	**20 000**	–
Total	**130 000**	**130 000**	–

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

60. Pursuant to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/247 for the submission of a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the resource requirements set out above will also be reflected in the report of the Secretary-General to be issued on the subject; however, the appropriation of the additional requirements in support of activities mandated by the Council is sought only in the present report.

Required modifications to outputs under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

61. The implementation of the requests contained in resolution 2016/12 would require modifications under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 21)), which include the addition of new recurrent outputs under the executive direction and management component, as follows:

(a) At the end of paragraph 21.64 (a) (i), add "servicing of intergovernmental meetings (2);";

(b) At the end of paragraph 21.64 (a) (ii), add "annual reports on regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2);".

D. Resolution 2016/28: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

62. Under the terms of paragraphs 14-17 of its resolution 2016/28, the Council:

(a) Decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the conclusion of the 2017 session, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti, and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms;

(b) Expressed its satisfaction to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the Advisory Group, and requested him to continue to support the activities of the Group adequately and within existing resources;

(c) Requested the Advisory Group, in accomplishing its mandate, to continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Haiti and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Development Group, relevant United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, regional organizations and institutions, including the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Organization of American States, the Caribbean Community, the Union of South American Nations and the Inter-American Development Bank, other major stakeholders and civil society organizations, and in this regard welcomed the continuation of the dialogue between the members of the Advisory Group and the Organization of American States;

(d) Also requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for its consideration at its 2017 session.

63. It is estimated that the support to be provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group would amount to $34,500 (see table 14), for which no provision has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, and would cover: (a) the travel of members of the Group ($27,000) and two staff members of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs ($5,000) to meet with the international financial institutions and the Organization of American States in 2017 and to carry out a mission to Haiti in the same year; and (b) meetings support services in Haiti ($2,500).

64. In the consideration of previous Council resolutions extending the mandate of the Advisory Group, the most recent one being resolution 2015/18, the Secretary-General had advised that those requirements would be met within the approved appropriations under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. It is also proposed that the resource requirements arising from the adoption of resolution 2016/28, in the amount of $34,500, be accommodated within section 9.

Table 14
Resource requirements under section 9, Economic and social affairs
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements 2016-2017	*Accommodated within 2016-2017 appropriation*	*Additional requirements 2016-2017*
Travel of representatives	27 000	27 000	–
Travel of staff	5 000	5 000	–
Contractual services	2 500	2 500	–
Total	**34 500**	**34 500**	–

65. With respect to the provisions of paragraph 15 of resolution 2016/28, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to support the activities of the Group adequately and within existing resources, the attention of the Council was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 70/247, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters and also reaffirmed the mandate of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

E. Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council on the annual theme "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results"

Ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Ensuring that no one is left behind"

66. Under the terms of paragraph 22 of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Council and of the 2016 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (E/HLS/2016/1), the Ministers and high representatives, having met at United Nations Headquarters in New York, endorsed the outcome of the process of consultation on the scope, methodology and frequency of the Global Sustainable Development Report as well as its relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals progress report, as laid out in the annex to the declaration.

67. It will be recalled that in paragraph 83 of its resolution 70/1, the General Assembly invited the President of the Council to conduct a process of consultations on the scope, methodology and frequency of the global report as well as its relation to the progress report, the outcome of which should be reflected in the ministerial declaration.

68. Under the terms of paragraphs 4, 5 and 7 of the annex to the ministerial declaration, entitled "Global Sustainable Development Report: scope, frequency, methodology and relationship with the Sustainable Development Goals progress report", the Ministers and high representatives:

(a) Resolved that a comprehensive, in-depth report would be produced every four years to inform the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the General Assembly;

(b) Also resolved that each year, in order to strengthen the science-policy interface at the high-level political forum convened under the auspices of the Council, scientists who worked on the report could be invited to provide scientific input into the discussion, including on the theme of the forum;

(c) Requested, therefore, the creation of an independent group of scientists to draft the quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report:

(i) The independent group of scientists was to comprise 15 experts representing a variety of backgrounds, scientific disciplines and institutions, ensuring geographical and gender balance;

(ii) The group would commence its work by the end of 2016;

(iii) The group would be supported by a task team, co-chaired by one representative each of the United Nations Secretariat, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Bank, with the logistical support of the Secretariat. The task team would coordinate inputs from a network of existing networks, representing the United Nations, the private sector, civil society and academia, and inputs could also be posted onto the high-level political forum online platform annually.

69. The implementation of the requests contained in the ministerial declaration and the annex thereto would require the following additional activities and resource requirements under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017:

(a) Support for the independent group of scientists in drafting the quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report (meetings of the independent group):

(i) It is assumed that the independent group, composed of 15 scientists, would need to meet once in 2016, twice in 2017, twice in 2018 and once in 2019, for five working days each time, dedicated to the drafting of the Global Sustainable Development Report, with the meetings held in New York;

(ii) The total travel costs of the scientists are estimated at $180,000 per meeting;

(b) Printing and publishing of the quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report: it is assumed that the printing and publishing of the Report would take place in 2019, the costs of which are estimated at $240,000, which would include the costs for the editing, designing, e-publishing and printing requirements of the Report.

70. It will be recalled that in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the decisions contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda (A/70/589 and Corr.1), the following activities and resources related to the preparation of the Global Sustainable Development Report were proposed under subprogramme 3, Sustainable development, of section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (total amount of $720,000):

(a) Four expert group meetings each year for the preparation of the Global Sustainable Development Report ($480,000) (para. 101 (b));

(b) Editing ($50,000), publishing ($140,000) and printing of the Global Sustainable Development Report ($50,000) (para. 103)).

71. The General Assembly, in its resolution 70/248 A, authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for 2016 only.

72. Table 15 reflects a comparison of the requirements proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1) with the requirements based on the ministerial declaration. The requirements for the biennium 2016-2017, in the amount of $540,000, based on the declaration are lower than those proposed in the report ($720,000). The requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 would amount to $780,000.

Table 15
Comparison of the resource requirements based on the ministerial declaration with the requirements proposed in the report of the Secretary-General
(United States dollars)

	2016[a]	*2017*	*Total 2016-2017*	*2018*	*2019*	*Total 2018-2019*
Section 9, Economic and social affairs						
Resource requirements based on the ministerial declaration[b]						
Meetings of independent group of scientists:						
Experts	180 000	360 000	540 000	360 000	180 000	540 000
Global Sustainable Development Report:						
Contractual services	–	–	–	–	240 000	240 000
Subtotal	**180 000**	**360 000**	**540 000**	**360 000**	**420 000**	**780 000**
Resource requirements proposed in the report of the Secretary-General[c]						
Experts	240 000	240 000	480 000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contractual services	120 000	120 000	240 000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subtotal	**360 000**	**360 000**	**720 000**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**
Difference	**(180 000)**	**–**	**(180 000)**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**

Abbreviation: N/A, not applicable.
[a] Accommodated through the commitment authority authorized by General Assembly resolution 70/248 A.
[b] E/HLS/2016/1.
[c] A/70/589 and Corr.1.

73. Accordingly, resource requirements as reflected in table 15 would arise under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

74. As the General Assembly has authorized a commitment authority for the funding of the 2016 requirements proposed in the report of the Secretary-General (A/70/589 and Corr.1), the 2016 requirements based on the ministerial declaration could be accommodated through that commitment authority.

75. Total additional resource requirements in the amount of $360,000 for 2017 would arise under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. An amount of $780,000 would also arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

76. Table 16 provides a summary of additional requirements based on the ministerial declaration.

Table 16
Summary of additional requirements based on the ministerial declaration under section 9, Economic and social affairs
(United States dollars)

	2016-2017			*2018-2019*	
	Total requirements	*Accommodated through commitment authority*	*Additional requirements*	*Additional requirements*	*Net additional requirements*[a]
Subprogramme 3, Sustainable development					
Meetings of independent group of scientists:					
Experts	540 000	180 000	360 000	540 000	180 000
Global Sustainable Development Report:					
Contractual services	–	–	–	240 000	240 000
Total	**540 000**	**180 000**	**360 000**	**780 000**	**420 000**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017.

77. Pursuant to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/247 for the submission of a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the resource requirements set out above will also be reflected in the report of the Secretary-General to be issued on the subject; however, the appropriation of the additional requirements in support of activities mandated by the Council is sought only in the present report.

78. With regard to the commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A, the related appropriation will be sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Required modifications to outputs under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

79. The implementation of the requests contained in the ministerial declaration would require modifications under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 9)), which include revisions to recurrent outputs under subprogramme 3, Sustainable development, as follows:

(a) At the end of paragraph 9.72 (a) (ii) a., add "independent group of scientists (3);";

(b) At the end of paragraph 9.72 (b) (i), add "expert group meeting dedicated to the preparation of the Global Sustainable Development Report (1);";

(c) In paragraph 9.72 (b) (ii), replace "Global Sustainable Development Report (2)" with "Global Sustainable Development Report (1)".

III. Overall requirements

80. The financial implications of the resolutions and the ministerial declaration adopted by the Council during 2016 would give rise to total requirements of $3,086,700 under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and $5,194,500 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, as shown in table 17 and in the annex to the present report.

81. Of the total resource requirements for the biennium 2016-2017, an amount of $34,500 is to be accommodated within the approved appropriations and $180,000 is to be accommodated through the commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A. The remaining resource requirements in the amount of $2,872,200 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund, subject to the procedures established by the Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.

82. The additional requirements of $5,194,500 for the biennium 2018-2019 would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. It should be noted that, after taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new temporary posts, the estimated net additional requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 would amount to $2,322,300.

Table 17
Resource requirements under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019
(United States dollars)

	2016-2017				*2018-2019*	
	Total requirements	*Accommodated within 2016-2017 appropriation*	*Accommodated through commitment authority*	*Additional requirements*	*Additional requirements*	*Net additional requirements[a]*
Section 9, Economic and social affairs	574 500	34 500	180 000	360 000	780 000	420 000
Section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	488 600	–	–	488 600	1 245 200	756 600
Section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	130 000	–	–	130 000	130 000	-
Section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia	1 893 600	–	–	1 893 600	3 039 300	1 145 700
Total	**3 086 700**	**34 500**	**180 000**	**2 872 200**	**5 194 500**	**2 322 300**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.

IV. Conclusions and recommendations

83. As reflected in section III above and in the annex to the present report, the implications of the resolutions and the ministerial declaration adopted by the Council during its 2016 session would give rise to additional requirements in the amount of $2,872,200 over and above the approved programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, including $360,000 under section 9, Economic and social affairs, $488,600 under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, $130,000 under section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and $1,893,600 under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia. No provision has been made under the respective sections to cover those additional requirements, and consequently, the approval by the General Assembly of an additional appropriation of $2,872,200 would be required, which would represent a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2016-2017.

84. An amount of $57,100 would also be required under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

85. The General Assembly is requested to approve the proposed establishment of six temporary posts, effective from 1 January 2017 until 2030, in line with the duration of the mandate, including four temporary posts (1 P-4, 2 P-3 and 1 Local level) under section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia, and two temporary posts (2 P-4) under section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, to support the activities mandated by the

Council in its resolutions 2016/10 and 2016/11, respectively, as detailed in table 18.

Table 18
Proposed establishment of temporary posts

Resolution number	*Title of resolution*	*Budget section*	*Number of posts*	*Functions*
2016/10	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development	22	4	1 Economic Affairs Officer (P-4) 1 Economic Affairs Officer (P-3) 1 Social Affairs Officer (P-3) 1 Administrative Assistant (Local level)
2016/11	Committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific	19	2	1 Programme Officer (P-4) 1 Statistician (P-4)
Total			**6**	

86. The General Assembly is also requested to approve the proposed modifications to the outputs under section 9, Economic and social affairs (A/70/6 (Sect. 9)), section 19, Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (A/70/6 (Sect. 19)), section 21, Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean (A/70/6 (Sect. 21)), and section 22, Economic and social development in Western Asia (A/70/6 (Sect. 22)), as a result of the adoption of the resolutions and the ministerial declaration by the Council.

87. Pursuant to the request made by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/247 for the submission of a comprehensive proposal addressing the effective and efficient delivery of mandates in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the resource requirements set out above will also be reflected in the report of the Secretary-General to be issued on the subject; however, the appropriation of the additional requirements in support of activities mandated by the Council is sought only in the present report, and not in the comprehensive proposal.

88. With regard to the commitment authority approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/248 A, the related appropriation will be sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

89. The General Assembly may wish to take note that the requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

Annex

Summary of additional requirements arising from the resolutions and the ministerial declaration adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2016 session

(United States dollars)

		2016-2017				2018-2019	
	Budget section	*Total requirements*	*Accommodated within 2016-2017 appropriation*	*Accommodated through commitment authority*	*Additional requirements*	*Additional requirements*	*Net additional requirements[a]*
A. Resolutions							
2016/10: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development	22	1 893 600	–	–	1 893 600	3 039 300	1 145 700
2016/11: Committing to the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific	19	488 600	–	–	488 600	1 245 200	756 600
2016/12: Establishment of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development	21	130 000	–	–	130 000	130 000	–
2016/28: Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti	9	34 500	34 500	–	–	–	–
B. Ministerial declaration							
E/HLS/2016/1: Ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council on the annual theme "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results"	9	540 000	–	180 000	360 000	780 000	420 000
Ministerial declaration of the 2016 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Ensuring that no one is left behind"							
Total		**3 086 700**	**34 500**	**180 000**	**2 872 200**	**5 194 500**	**2 322 300**

[a] Represents net additional requirements, taking into account any proposed recurring provisions in the biennium 2016-2017 and the delayed impact of the proposed new posts.